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MOOSE HUNTING SEASON CLOSURE **UNIT 5A WEST OF THE DANGEROUS RIVER**

(Juneau) – Alaska Department of Fish and Game and United States Forest Service announce an early closure to the moose hunting season in that portion of Game Management Unit 5(A) west of the Dangerous River, but not including Nunatak Bench. The hunt in this area is managed under joint state and federal registration permit RM061.

The Department of Fish & Game set a harvest objective of 25 bull moose for this area. As of Monday morning, October 22, 2012, the harvest had reached 23 bulls; the harvest is expected to reach or exceed the 25 bull moose harvest objective in the next few days. Therefore; **an Emergency Order (01-07-12) was issued that closes the moose hunting season in this area on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 @ 11:59 pm.**

Hunters are reminded that the remainder of Game Management Unit 5A east of the Dangerous River will remain open for moose hunting through the 15th of November or until the overall harvest of bull moose on the Yakutat Forelands reaches 55 bulls.

Hunters with questions about moose hunting in Game Management Unit 5A are encouraged to contact Ryan Scott at the Douglas Area Office of ADF&G @ 465-4359, or call the Yakutat ADF&G office @ 784-3255.